IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR

MONDAY, THE 1ST JANUARY 2007 / 11TH PAUSHA 1928

WP(C).No. 34016 of 2006(Y)

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PETITIONER:

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NIKHILA KRISHNAN R., AGED 16 YEARS,
D/O.P.K.RADHAKRISHNAN, SREE KRISHNA,
MARUTHORVATTOM P.O.,CHERTHALA,ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT.
REP.BY HER FATHER P.K.RADHAKRISHNAN,SREE KRISHNA,
MARUTHORVATTOM P.O., CHERTHALA,ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT.

BY ADV. SRI.K.RAMANATHAN

RESPONDENTS:

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1. THE GENERAL CONVENER,
HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL KALOLSAVAM 2006,
LEO XIII HSS, ALAPPUZHA.

2. THE DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL OFFICER,
ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT.

BY G.P. SRI.I.V.PROMOD

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 01/01/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR, J.

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W.P.(C) No.34016 of 2006

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Dated this the 1st day of January, 2007.

JUDGMENT

The petitioner is challenging the award of first prize to another student in various dance items in the District Level Youth Festival held at Alleppey for selection to the State Level Youth Festival. The petitioner admittedly got first prize in Bharathanatyam and is participating in the State Level competition. However, petitioner got second prize or less in all other items. According to the petitioner, after announcing the result of Kuchippudi, judges were threatened by parents and interested parties of another participant and therefore, she was awarded prize in all items held later. Government Pleader pointed out that on record there is no intimidation against any judge and petitioner's case is without any merit. Appeals filed, though disposed of with a delay, were not in favour of the petitioner. Since the petitioner is granted first prize in Bharathanatyam, it is clear that the judges were not biased against the petitioner. The petitioner's allegation of fight against judges and the award of prize to other

students under coercion does not stand proved. The W.P. is therefore devoid of any merit and is dismissed.

C.N.RAMACHANDRAN NAIR
Judge

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